WHAT IS TRUE?

Romans 1:18–25

Our beliefs must be adjusted to reality—not reality to our beliefs.



THE MARK ON THE ROAD

Six—or nine?

Two travelers see the same marking differently. The painter knows what he intended. The road still leads where it leads.

SERMON ILLUSTRATION

Proverbs 14:12

SIX TRUTHS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 INDEPENDENT

Truth is what is.

My confidence does not make a false belief true.

Proverbs 14:12

2 DISCOVERABLE

Truth can be known.

We learn because our mistakes can be tested and corrected.

Genesis 1:1

3 REVEALED

God has made truth known.

Creation testifies to the power and Godhead of its Creator.

Romans 1:19–20

4 RESISTED

Truth can be rejected.

Sin suppresses what God has revealed and embraces a lie.

Romans 1:18, 21–25

5 LIVED

Truth directs our steps.

Wisdom follows God's Word, even when the road is costly.

John 8:31–36

6 PERSONAL

Truth leads to Christ.

Jesus is not merely a teacher of truth. He is the truth.

John 14:6; 18:37–38

THE ROAD DOES NOT CHANGE. GOD HAS SPOKEN. WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE TRUTH?

THE WORD BEHIND THE PICTURE

Selected verses / King James Version

ROMANS 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

ROMANS 1:20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

ROMANS 1:25

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

JOHN 8:31–32

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

JOHN 18:37

To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

KEEP THESE TRUTHS TOGETHER

REALITY

What I believe does not determine what is.

REVELATION

God has spoken through creation and His Word.

RESPONSE

Christ calls me to trust what God has revealed.

TAKE THE MESSAGE HOME

1. When have I treated my perspective as though it determined the truth?

2. According to Romans 1:18–25, why is the rejection of truth more than an intellectual mistake?

3. What does Jesus' claim to be "the truth" require of me? (John 14:6)

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." — John 8:36 (KJV)